

## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed February 28, 2007 considered claims 1-10, 24, 42, 43, and 45-54. Claims 1-4, 10, 24, 42, 51-52, 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *De Meno et al.* (US 6,721,767) hereinafter *De Meno* in view of *Traversat et al.* (US 6,161,125) hereinafter *Traversat*. Claims 5-9, 43, 45-50 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *De Meno* in view of *Traversat* and further in view of *Hammack et al.* (US 6,449,624) hereinafter *Hammack*. Claim 53 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *De Meno* in view of *Traversat* and further in view of *Smetters* (US 2004/0088548) hereinafter *Smetters*.<sup>1</sup>

By this paper, claims 1, 24, 42, 47, 48, 49 and 51 have been amended and claim 45 has been cancelled. As such, claims 1-10, 24, 42, 43, 46-51 and 51-54 remain pending in the application, of which only claims 1, 24, 42 and 51 are independent claims.

As a preliminary matter, applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the in-person interview conducted on March 28, 2007. During that interview, the amendments made herein were discussed, and the Examiner seemed to agree that the proposed amendments overcome the art of record, subject to a review of the art of record and an updated search.

In the claims of the present application, claims 1 and 42 (directed to a method) and 24 and 52 (directed to a computer program product for the method), applicant has defined a method of reverting a current configuration setting for a software application to a previous *configuration setting* so that the software application will be capable of operating on data in the same manner as it did with the previous configuration settings that were used by the application software. Based upon a request from a user or a selection from the software application, the method first requires generating changes to the software application's configuration settings. A configuration

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<sup>1</sup> Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicant reserves the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

store is then updated by storing therein the changed application configuration settings of the software application to maintain a history of one or more configuration setting changes for the software application. Next, a package is generated that uniquely identifies the contents of the package and the changes to the software application's configuration settings so that the package can be later recalled and used when reverting the configuration settings of the software application back to a state that existed prior to the changes in the configuration settings. The package is then stored in a software application configuration log, from which it is later retrieved when it is desired to revert the configuration settings of the software application back to a state that existed prior to the changes in the configuration settings so that the software application will be capable of operating on data in the same manner as it did with the previous configuration settings that were used by the application software.. Finally, the contents of the package are used to revert the configuration settings back to those that existed prior to the changes identified by the package so the software application will thereafter be capable of operating on data in the same manner as it did prior to such changes.

Claims 1 and 24 have been amended to recite "displaying a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface including filtering functionality for filtering application configuration information based on a per application basis including displaying the name of one or more applications such that configuration information for a specific application can be selected" and "in response to a user selection of an application from the graphical user interface, retrieving the stored package when desirable to revert the configuration settings of the software application back to a state that existed prior to the changes in the configuration settings so that the software application will be capable of operating on data in the same manner as the software application did with the previous configuration settings that were used by the application software...." This does not appear to be taught or suggested in the art of record.

Rather, De Meno appears to be directed to restoring application files as a result of intention or un-intentional changes. See De Meno at col. 3, line 50 – col. 4, line 18. While De Meno teaches that individual files can be restored (De Meno at col. 3, lines 40 – 66), De Meno is

silent with regards to "displaying the name of one or more applications such that configuration information for a specific application can be selected." Thus De Meno does not teach restoring configuration information and does not teach displaying application names for restoring configuration information. Traversat does not compensate for all of the deficiencies of De Meno. Rather Traversat appears to be directed to storing environment information such that a user does not need to reset environment information. Traversat at col. 7, lines 47-49. However, Traversat does not appear to teach restoring configuration information based on selection from an application from a user interface. Rather Traversat appears to teach generally that configuration data is stored in a sever schema and accessible by clients through a protocol such that a server stores configuration data instead of the configuration data needing to be stored at a client. See e.g. Traversat at col. 6, lines 9-15 and abstract.

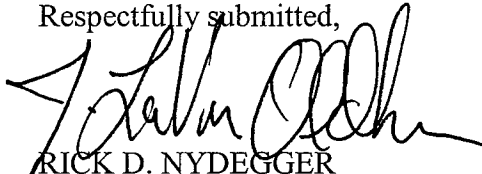
Claims 42 and 51 have been amended to recite that a header portion of a package that contains configuration information includes a reversion routine. Traversat, Hammack and De Meno all appear to be devoid of this limitation. The only reference to a header in any of the cited art appears in Hammack at Col. 14, line 61 and in Figure 10. However, this header appears to simply be column labels. In any case, the header does not seem to include a reversion routine as is recited by the claims of the present application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the other rejections to the claims are now moot and do not, therefore, need to be addressed individually at this time. It will be appreciated, however, that this should not be construed as Applicant acquiescing to any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action regarding the cited art or the pending application, including any official notice. Instead, Applicant reserves the right to challenge any of the purported teachings or assertions made in the last action at any appropriate time in the future, should the need arise. Furthermore, to the extent that the Examiner has relied on any Official Notice, explicitly or implicitly, Applicant specifically requests that the Examiner provide references supporting the teachings officially noticed, as well as the required motivation or suggestion to combine the relied upon notice with the other art of record.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-533-9800.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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